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STATE FOR H - ELIZABETH BURKE

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SUBJ: SENATE ANTI-TRUST HEARINGS

REF: (A) STATE 184605; (B) BONN 13297; (C) BERLIN 1579

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM MR. WOLFGANG KARTTE OF THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF ECONOMICS IN BONN CONCERNING AN INVITATION HE HAS RECEIVED FROM SENATOR HART TO APPEAR BEFORE THE SENATE ANTI-TRUST AND MONOPOLY SUB-COMMITTEE ON NOVEMBER 1, 1973. KARTTE INDICATED HE WAS ALSO WRITING TO US ON BEHALF OF DR. KURT MARKERT OF THE BUNDESKARTELLAMT IN BERLIN, WHO WAS ALSO INVITED TO APPEAR ON OCTOBER 31. EMBASSY HAS ALSO RECEIVED A SIMILAR LETTER FROM DR. WOLFRAM DOERINKEL, A LAWYER IN WIESBADEN, WHO HAS BEEN INVITED TO APPEAR ON NOVEMBER 1.

2. ALL THREE MEN ARE RESPONDING AFFIRMATIVELY TO THE INVITATIONS. THEY INDICATED IN THEIR LETTERS THAT THEY HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY SENATOR HART THAT HE HAS ASKED THE EMBASSY TO MAKE THEIR TRAVEL ARRANGMENTS. THEY HAVE ACCORDINGLY ASKED US TO BOOK THEIR FLIGHTS AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS IN WASHINGTON.

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3. EMBASSY ALSO IN RECEIPT OF INFO LETTER TO SENATOR HART FROM MR. OTTO A. FRIEDRICH, PRESIDENT OF FEDERATION OF GERMAN EMPLOYERS ASSOCIATION, DECLINING AN INVITATION TO APPEAR BEFORE THE SUBCOMMITTEE.

4. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NO RPT NO CORRESPONDENCE FROM SENATOR HART OR THE DEPARTMENT CONCERNING THESE MATTERS. WE ARE INFORMED BY US MISSION BERLIN THAT THEY HAVE SAME PROBLEM CONCERNING SIMILAR INVITATION TO DR. EBERHARD GUENTHER, PRESIDENT OF THE BUNDESKARTELLAMT IN BERLIN.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WE ASK THAT DEPARTMENT CHECK WITH SENATOR HART'S OFFICE CONCERNING THESE INVITATIONS. PLEASE SEND INSTRUCTIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO EMBASSY AND TO APPROPRIATE CONSTITUENT POSTS, INCLUDING NECESSARY FISCAL DATA. WE SUGGEST THAT DEPARTMENT UNDERTAKE TO MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS REQUESTED BY MESSRS. KARTTE AND MARKERT FOR THE NIGHTS OF OCTOBER 30 AND 31 AND BY DR. DOERNIKEL FOR THE NIGHTS OF OCTOBER 31 AND NOVEMBER 1.

6. FOR BERLIN: DR. MARKERT REQUESTS A FLIGHT BOOKING FOR OCTOBER 30 ON TWA, DIRECT FLIGHT FRANKFURT-WASHINGTON, DEPARTING 12:15. WE HAVE NO INFO ON HOW HE WANTS TO FLY FROM BERLIN TO FRANKFURT. ASSUME YOU WILL WISH TO CONTACT HIM ON THIS. HE REQUESTS AN OPEN RETURN TICKET.

7. FOR FRANKFURT: DR. DOERINKEL REQUESTS A FLIGHT BOOKING FOR OCTOBER 31 ON PA #67, DIRECT FLIGHT FRANKFURT-WASHINGTON, DEPARTING 11:20. HE REQUESTS A RETURN TICKET FOR NOVEMBER 3 ON PA #100, DIRECT FLIGHT NEW YORK RPT NEW YORK-FRANKFURT, DEPARTING 10:00. HIS ADDRESS: 62 WIESBADEN, STEUBENSTRASSE 11A. TEL: 37 25 73 OR 30 40 91.

8. WE UNDERSTAND THT SUB-COMMITTEE WILL AUTHORIZE FIRST CLASS TRAVEL. HILLENBRAND

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